Have you read the Al Newman book? I have managed only about [illegible] so far, and I need not take your time or my own to express my reaction, which I am sure is about the same as your own. In reading the first section of the book (which I don't have with me just now), I did start thinking about certain oddities that I had not given much attention in the past. For example, Newman has Oswald casing the Walker house and taking photos of the house and environs (as does the WR) on a date in March 1963 at least two days earlier than the money order for the rifle was purchased and before the .38 Smith and Wesson was shipped to Dallas on 3/12/63.

First, it struck me that it would have been strange indeed for anyone to prepare in such detail to commit a shooting (going to the scene, taking photos) when he did not at the time have any firearms at his disposal and had not even ordered the rifle allegedly used. (And I leave aside the fact that the Dallas Police, in the course of investigating the Walker shooting in April 1963, apparently took photos of the house and environs some of which seem to be identical in location and subject as the photos allegedly taken by Oswald.) Next, it dawned on me that it was also strange that Oswald, if he really forked over just under $30 on 1/27/63 for the S&W, and if it still had not arrived by 3/10/63, would merely wait in patient silence. Everything we know about Oswald suggests that he would have sent inquiries and complaints if his order was not filled in a reasonable time after he had made a substantial advance payment. What do you think? It is all inferential, of course, but in psychological terms the official story becomes all the more dubious.

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